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THE 35th ANNUAL AUCTION

of Edward B. Cutter Unit 102, held Tuesday night March 1st raised \$479; proceeds to replenish the Unit Emergency Fund. The Unit thanks all Post, SAL and Auxiliary members who attended; those who brought and those who bought – we appreciate your generosity.



SAL Jim Batters and treasurers



Auctioneer Bud Redepenning



3rd Vice Cmdr. Matt Berens



Jerry & Liz Abeln with Jerry's newly purchased purse.

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ADJUTANT'S NOTES

WAYNE D. WALLACE

The Post Executive Committee meeting held February 22, 2005 heard the minutes from the previous meeting and reports from finance, clubroom and gambling.

Mr. Tom Kaliher from our accounting firm Kaliher, Passolt and Company was present to review the 4th Quarter and year ending Financial Statement with the Post Executive Committee. No areas of concern were noted.

The Executive Committee reviewed all requests for donations and those approved were recommended for approval to the Post General Membership.

The Post General Membership meeting held March 1, 2005 heard the minutes from the previous meeting and reports from Post officers and committee chairmen.

Post Commander Rick Oelschlager introduced Virgil Persing from Falldin Post 555 in Minneapolis and a candidate for National Executive Committeeman. Virgil is currently an alternate National Executive Committeeman and is serving on his second term. He has served in many positions at his Post, District, Department and National level. He asked for the support of Post 102 in his candidacy.

Adjutant reported Post member Richard Atherton had passed away.

Darrel Redepenning reported (885) members are signed up for 2005. We are (29) members behind one year ago and (24) members short of our goal for 2005. If half of the unsigned members for 2005 renewed their membership dues, we would be over our goal.

The following Lawful Purpose donations/expenses projected for March 2005 were approved by the Post General Membership.

1. ACBC Foodshelf \$3,000
2. Ely - St. Cloud VAH Fishing Trip 200
3. Anoka Senior Party Association (Graduating Seniors) 500
4. City of Anoka (Water/light costs) 1,100
5. Centerpoint Energy (Gas cost) 1,700
6. Fund for Hospitalized Veterans 500
7. Viking Council, Boy Scouts of America 250
8. Veterans Service Office (Volunteer Transportation Fund) 1,000
9. Veterans Service Office (Veterans Job Transp Fund) 500
10. United States Treasury (Tax on wagering) 600
11. Assist needy veterans/families 1,500
12. Emergency Money 500

Total taxes paid on gambling proceeds for February 2005:
MN Revenue.....\$ 11,026 Federal IRS.....\$ 422

The next meeting of the Post General Membership will be held Tuesday, April 5, 2005 at 7:30 pm. It would be great if more Post members would attend these informative Post meetings. Be informed as to what is happening within YOUR Post and enjoy a lunch following the meeting.



Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the family of



RICHARD T. ATHERTON

Richard was a 7 year member of Post 102 and a World War II Veteran

MONTE CARLO

The annual trip to the St. Cloud VA Medical Center (postponed from January 2nd to February 27th) had 10 Legionnaires travel from Post 102 plus non-member Paul Winter who met us at the hospital.

Those from Anoka were: Bernie Bass, Charlie Davidson, Bruce O'Connor, Cliff Newman, Dick Schanhaar, Al Springer, Larry Kitt, Bud Redepenning, Commander Rich Oelschlager and myself.

We entertained 70 patients with various games including Black Jack, Beat The House, Chuck O Luck, and roulette; the big winner won \$8.

Post 102 donated \$165 for this event. Everyone had a good time, especially the help – thanks to everyone.

Jerry Abeln, Chairman

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**Commander's
Column
Richard Oelschlager**

Greetings Legionnaires,

Here it is the end of March and every one is getting ready for spring. It shouldn't be long before we see the first flower poking through the snow.

The Legion celebrated the 86th birthday of the American Legion with a dinner, complete with birthday cake. We had the Department Commander Marland Ronning, Department President Carol Holmgren, and SAL Detachment Commander Robert Bristo as guests. All our guests brought greetings from their department and gave a brief overview of what has been happening at the state level. The Post Auxiliary and Junior Auxiliary gave the Post a birthday card with the gift of labor to plant flowers later this spring (Jrs.) and a new cart for the kitchen (Srs.). I would like to thank everyone who helped with making this dinner the success that it was. The food was excellent as always, the decorations helped make the evening more festive, the juniors who came in to serve our birthday cake, and everyone who helped with setup and cleanup, Thank You.

I had the pleasure of announcing that **Anoka Legion** is trying to stay with the times and has setup our own **web site**. It has taken a lot of work by our web master Allen Amundson who put it all together in about six weeks. There were several people who had a hand with input as to what was going to be on the site, and this is an ongoing process. If you have the chance take a look around the site and let us know what you like and dislike about the site. The address to our web site is www.anokalegion.org or www.anokalegion.com. We can and will continue to make changes to what we now have and hope to make it the best and most informative Legion site in Minnesota. We have links to all the Department sites, and National sites, plus other sites of interest to the veteran and his/her family.

Have fun and enjoy life! It's too short not to.

10th District Shuns Leadership Award

Last year when Anoka Post 102 hosted the 10th District Convention, a special award was created to recognize an outstanding Legionnaire in the 10th District. This award was created to give a special thank you to a Legionnaire for his/her dedication and support that they have given through the years to their Post, the District and Department of Minnesota

There was a lot of thought and preparation in creating this award. A criterion was established but not limited to specific criteria. Much thought was put into what to name this award as the recipient was called many names in the 10th District. This first award was called "The God-Father Award" because this was his nickname in the 10th District. The committee decided future awards should be called "Lifetime Leadership Award".

When I met with the District Continuity Committee I was truly disappointed in hearing the negative comments about continuing this award in the District. The continuity committee was supposed to find a way to keep this award going but chose to let it lay and not continue it, to my disappointment.

At the Mid-Winter Conference reference was made to new Legionnaires and promoting their ideas for the good of The American Legion so we could keep these new Legionnaires involved with the 10th District and The American Legion. By continuing this award it would be one way to promote continued involvement in The American Legion.

Hopefully we will find a way in the future to give thanks to our outstanding Legionnaires in the 10th District and continue what Anoka started when we hosted the 10th District Convention.

Larry Phillips
Past 10th District Commander

Take Time

Take time to work...It is the price of success
 Take time to think...It is the source of power.
 Take time to play...It is the secret of perpetual youth.
 Take time to read...It is the fountain of wisdom.
 Take time to be friendly...It is the road to happiness.
 Take time to dream...It is hitching your wagon to a star.
 Take time to love and to be loved...It is the privilege of God.
 Take time to look around...It is too short a day to be selfish.
 Take time to laugh...It is the music of the soul.

SANDY'S SCRIBBLES

by Sandy Phillips, Secretary

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 was held on March 1st with 20 members present.

Most of the chairmen did not have reports to give as we are winding down our Auxiliary year.

Community Service March is Food Share Month and collections for the ACBC Food Store are being collected at the Post Club Rooms.

Girl's State Chairman Kathy Zwerdling announced that she would be holding an assembly at the High School on March 10th. County Day will be April 21st.

Juniors – Donna Redepenning gave the Junior report in the absence of chairman Sue Nunnelee. The annual post/junior bowling was held at Blainbrook on February 5th with 5 Juniors attending. February 19th was the Juniors regular meeting and no Juniors attended. On February 25th the Anoka Juniors hosted the Junior District Overnight. A total of 15 Juniors attended. Sue thanked all the Senior members that helped. At the next meeting the Juniors will make their entries for the District and Department Conventions. April 2nd is the Junior Conference in Delano.

Leadership Chairman Jan Reiter announced that there would be a meeting on March 15th to work on annual reports. The annual reports will be due at our April meeting.

Membership chairman Betty Erickson announced that we have made our All Time High Goal of 367 members. We still have some 2 and 3-year members that have not renewed their dues for this year. It is still not too late to renew.

Past President's Parley co-chairman Barb Fechner announced that the sewing bee held on February 21st was very successful with 13 pillows and 13 lap robes being completed.

Poppy Chairman Dody Schanhaar announced that the poppies and poppy cards have arrived. We will begin distributing Poppy cards the latter part of April and Poppy Days are May 20th and 21st.

VA & R Chairman Cathy Newman stated she did Bingo at AMRTC on February 28th with 33 residents taking part. Cathy also thanked everyone for the donations to the Fisher House. She will be delivering the items sometime this month.

Auxiliary Emergency Fund – a committee met and set up new guidelines to be used to distribute funds from our own Auxiliary Emergency Fund. The new guidelines were brought before the general membership for approval.

Proceeds from the White Elephant Auction will be used to replenish our Auxiliary Emergency Fund.

The following donations were approved:

Anoka County Campership	\$500
Fisher House	50
Children's Miracle Network	50
ACBC Food Shelf	75
Anoka County Historical Society	50
Fred Moore Calendar Club	25

Meals on Wheels	50
Ft. Snelling Rifle Squad	50
Minnesota World War II Memorial	25
USO	50
Legionville	50

Next meeting will be April 5th at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see many members there!

In Memoriam BETTY ANN BATTERS

Betty, a 31 year Auxiliary member, was born in Perham, Minnesota on Valentines Day February 14, 1926 to Leonard and Ann Hassler. Betty passed away February 15, 2005.

Betty began working as a cook at Anoka High and Fred Moore Middle schools when the youngest son was in school. After husband Ralph passed away in 1975, she added her own catering business; Betty Batters Butter Bars and her special potato salad were popular items.

In 1978, for out-going President Netha Feist's 10th District Spring Luncheon held at the high school, Betty was in charge of the food and she was the reason the luncheon was so tasty. Betty always provided food donations and worked for the spring & fall luncheons, she was a member of Auxiliary Bingo Team 2 and co-chair with Adeline Watson 9 years for Twin Rivers Nursing Home bingo.

Betty was co-chair 7 years for Unit funeral lunches and co-chair with Don Hostetler 3 years for Post funeral lunches. During the time Ralph was the Post rep (6 years) for the Junior Legion Baseball Team, Betty and Virginia Leadens wanted to sell refreshments at the games. But first they had to clean out what was used as a storage shed and turn it into a concession stand (still there on the hill by the ball field by Greenhaven).

After retiring, Betty really got into volunteering including St. Stephens Church; Dayton/St. Michael to help with blood pressure tests; registering voters; ACBC Food Shelf; this was, of course, in addition to the Legion Auxiliary projects.

Betty and friends kept busy with card parties, dominoes and bunco; she also loved to travel – one special trip (from the boys) was a trip to Pasadena and the Rose Bowl Parade.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to her "7 boys" (and spouses); Tom (Laurie), Doug (Kathy), Dan (Crystal), Dave, Paul, Jim and Patrick (Jenny); 10 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers, 2 sisters and a special cousin.

Officiating clergy at the Mass at St. Stephens were family friend Father Stephan Bauer with Father Michael VanSloan. Betty was buried, with Ralph, at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

"The candle burned out long before her legend ever will."



President's Column
Lynette Pavin

Happy Spring!

Welcome back to all the snow birds that are returning north for the summer. Hope you brought some of that warmth back with you.

Thank you to all of the people who donated to the food shelf, white elephant auction, the VA Shower, the troops in Iraq. Your support of these projects and any other Auxiliary program is greatly appreciated.

The American Legion Birthday Dinner was held on Saturday, March 12, 2005. Thank you to all of you who helped to decorate and to set up. If you did not attend, you missed a great meal and program. Unfortunately, we did not have as good attendance as I had hoped. Past Presidents, Past Commanders, and any 50 year members who attended were recognized.

Year-end reports are now being completed. Thank you chairmen for doing such a good job.

Upcoming events for April include County Day at the Anoka County Government Center, Poppy Cards, and nominations of officers. If you are interested in being an officer, please contact Donna Redepenning.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of our programs, please feel free to contact either me or that chairman. Volunteers are ALWAYS NEEDED.

Until next month, stay healthy, stay safe, and HAPPY SPRING.



*Junior cake servers L-R:
Ashley Toikka, Samantha Odegard, Michelle Hall,
Tracy Hall and Sammi Hicks.*

2005 Birthday Dinner



*Commander Rich, President Lynette
Dept. Cmdr. Marland Ronning, Dept. Pres. Carol Holmgren
and SAL Detachment Cmdr. Robert Bristo*



PAST COMMANDERS
*Standing L-R: Cliff Newman, Dick Schanhaar, Jerry Abeln and
Commander Rich
Seated L-R: Don Hostetler, Wayne Wallace, Dept. Cmdr. Marland Ronning,
Bud Redepenning, Bob Duclos and Larry Phillips*



PAST PRESIDENTS
*Standing L-R: Dept. Pres. Carol Holmgren, Cathy Newman, Kathy
Zwerdling, Joyce Smith, Sue Nunnelee, Barb Fechner, Sandy Phillips,
Lenora Root, Liz Abeln, Jan Reiter and Donna Redepenning
Seated L-R: Lorraine Hostetler, Dody Schanhaar, Pres. Lynette, Netha
Feist, Doris Adkins, Betty Erickson and Betty Redepenning*

Plant Sale

Our Plant Sale is now just starting. As in the past our Auxiliary members are selling coupons for Hanging Flower Baskets. These flowers are grown from start to finish in Green Valley Greenhouse in Ramsey. They produce high quality plants with bright and vibrant colors.

The profits from these sales will go toward our many Veterans programs. So take a moment and buy a plant from us and enjoy them the rest of the summer.

Lenora Root - Chairman

Anoka Unit 102 Auxiliary Spring-Mothers Day Plant Sale



Price \$16.50



Buy Plant Tickets

April 1st - May 3rd, 2005

at Anoka Legion Pull Tab Booth
or From a Auxiliary Member

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Some Varieties Available

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Plant Pick-Up Times

April 21st - June 7th 2005

at

Green Valley Greenhouse
Ramsey, MN

Proceeds Help Support Our
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ANOKA LEGION BREAKFAST BUFFET

Sunday, April 10, 2005

Serving from 9:00 am till 12:00 noon

Adults - \$7.00 ~ Children under 10 - \$3.50

WATCH FOR LENTEN SPECIALS

AUXILIARY REACHES ALL TIME HIGH OF 367 February 26, 2005

Sewing for Veterans



A sewing bee was held February 21st with 13 Unit members (including 11 past presidents) and 1 guest; constructed were 13 heart pillows and 14 lap robes. Most of the material was donated by friends of Jan Reiter.

The heart pillows and lap robes will be distributed to VA Hospitals or elsewhere where needed.

Coffee and delicious treats were provided by Barb; Kathy was unable to attend.

Past Presidents Parley
Co-chairmen Kathy Zwerdling & Barb Fechner

Poppy Card Days begin April 15th



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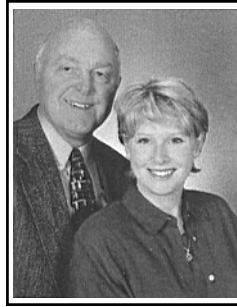


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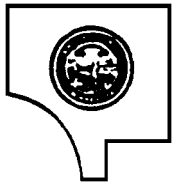
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Veteran is by one of the following, you are eligible to join the
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April 2005

Children & Youth Month
Poppy Card Days Begin April 15th

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Coming In May</i>						
1 Dist. Pres. Judy Stein Testimonial / Mayzata	13 Poppy Day	13 Poppy Day	13 SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak or Chicken \$6.50 Fried Cod Bingo 7 pm	Every Thursday: Ron's BBQ Ribs 5:00 - 8:00 pm Full Rack \$10.00 1/2 \$8.00	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5:00 - 8:30 pm Music FIRE SPICE 8:30 - 12:00 April Fools Day	Jr. Aux Dist. Conf. Delano
3 Jr./Sr. Pot Luck Supper	14 Dept. Pres. Carol Holmgren Testimonial / Cambridge	14 Dept. Pres. Carol Holmgren Testimonial / Cambridge	1917 US Enters World War I	1925: John Palmer elected mayor & re-elected in 1927. (Mrs. John Palmer, Emma, was Unit 102 President 1923-24)	(Re-Scheduled) Aux. Overnight Jackpot Casino Music DAVID CARROLL 8:30 - 12:00	Jr. Aux Dept. Conf. Adams - 1st Dist
7 Dept. Cmdr. Marland Romning Testimonial / Osseo	21-22 10th Dist. Convention / Clearwater	21-22 10th Dist. Convention / Clearwater	1941: Roland Castle appointed Police Chief. (was Post 102 Commander 1944-45)	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5 - 8:30 pm (Re-Scheduled) Aux. Overnight Jackpot Casino Music DAVID CARROLL 8:30 - 12:00	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5:00 - 8:30 pm	Jr. Aux Meeting 12 Noon
8 Mothers Day	30 Memorial Day Service / Veterans Memorial	30 Memorial Day Service / Veterans Memorial	County Day 8:30 am Anoka County Govt. Center Lunch / Post 102	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5:00 - 8:30 pm	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5:00 - 8:30 pm	Dist. Cmdr. Jerry Thompson Testimonial Coon Rapids
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm Bingo 7 pm	Boy Scout Troop 631 Meeting 7 pm 	Post General Mem. 7:30 pm S.A.L. Meeting 7 pm Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm Reports Due	SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak or Chicken \$6.50 Fried Cod Bingo 7 pm	MUSIC BRANDY CREEK 8:30 - 12:00	MUSIC MIRROR IMAGE 8:30 - 12:00	Post 102 State Bowling Tourney Brainerd 23rd & 24th
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SAL Detach-Cmdr. Robert Bristo Testimonial/Champion Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm Bingo 7 pm	Boy Scout Troop 631 Meeting 7 pm 	Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm	SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak or Chicken \$6.50 Fried Cod Bingo 7 pm	MUSIC AMERICAN GYPSY 8:30 - 12:00	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5:00 - 8:30 pm	1975 Vietnam War Ends
24	Spanish American War Begins	25	27	28	29	30